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New community barbecue helps break barriers **metroNEWS**

Mayor to meet on growth fees

DEVELOPMENT

**Industry
members have
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voice concerns**



**Stephanie
Taylor**
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Mayor Brian Bowman is scheduled for a sit-down with a few of his critics about the push for growth fees in Winnipeg.

Bowman said he's invited various members of the city's development and home building community into his office for a meeting — slated for Monday — to discuss issues surrounding the potential introduction of regulatory growth fees on new properties.

Groups such as the Manitoba Home Builders' Association have raised concerns about the lack of consultation with industry members on the matter.

Other questions remain

surrounding the calculations used in a recently released consultant's report that says a fee for an 1,800-square-foot single home could be upwards of \$18,300.

Qualico has also announced plans to stall its expansion in Sage Creek until city hall makes up its mind about growth fees.

"This is an important matter of public policy," Bowman told reporters Wednesday.

"The key question of course is: How does growth pay for growth?"

The consultant's report concluded that new developments do not pay for themselves, and the city should implement new charges so to cover the cost of expanding services, or building new infrastructure such as roads and police stations.

Bowman said he wants to hear directly from critics and industry members who would be impacted by the potential fees.

"It's one thing to criticize and this is an important issue, so we're going to have different viewpoints," said Bowman.

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Time for more than token efforts

SOCIAL SERVICES

Advocates call for low-income transit passes



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As Winnipeg expands its rapid transit network and rolls out electronic fare cards, some believe it's time for a low-income transit pass.

Lynne Fernandez, a research associate with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, is one. She penned a 2012 report focused on affordability and transit, and said access to transit is critical for those living below the poverty line, along with housing and food.

"People don't quit being poor until we give them the tools to work out of poverty," she said on Wednesday.

A 2010 report at city hall recommended low-income passes be considered after the service modernized fare collection.

Mayor Brian Bowman said he's open to the idea.

"I think it's worthy of consideration," Bowman said.

John Callahan, transit union Local 1505 president, says there's a need for a discounted program.

He hears stories from his members underscoring the struggle some face.

"They'll see a mother with a young child and they're counting their dimes and nickels and struggling to pay their fare. It's tough," Callahan said.



In spite of the ongoing upgrades to our transit service, Callahan said there is a lack of focus on affordability.

He said consideration needs to be given to the demographics transit serves, which involves changing routes and times.

"A lot of low-income earners

don't work the typical nine-to-five jobs," he explained.

"A lot of them work shift work and evening, nights — and that's when our service really tapers off and it's something we've got to look at."

The 2010 report said the cost of offering a low-income pass

program would carry decrease in annual revenue of between \$850,000 to \$2.15 million.

That must be weighed against the benefits of providing low-income earners with greater access to transportation, said Christina Maes Nino, with the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg.

Coun. Janice Lukes (St. Norbert) said transit tokens are distributed to various social services for program participants.

But Fernandez and Nino said that excludes people and families who may not be a part of the token-providing services.

Plus a low-income pass would

help the city's growing population of newcomers and indigenous peoples, said Fernandez.

"We've got this indigenous, Métis mayor who's committed to poverty reduction and truth and reconciliation, well we need to see some concrete changes," said Fernandez.



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THINGS TO WATCH FOR AS CITY COUNCIL RESUMES

It's back to city hall for Winnipeg's elected officials this week. Committee meetings will get underway Thursday, and reports will start piling up faster than councillors will expect. Here's a list of what issues you should follow at city hall this fall.



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1 **Helmet law**

Cyclists should stay tuned for a highly anticipated report that explores whether adults should wear helmets. Despite opposition from some cycling advocates, Transcona Coun. Russ Wyatt believes safety regulations need beefing up for two-wheeled riders. Back in June, he called for a report into ways to mandate helmets, lights, bells and bike-safety training courses.

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2 **New police chief**

The city is on track to appoint a new police chief by November. Since former police boss Devon Clunis retired in July, the city's police board has been on the hunt for his replacement.

The board has already prepared questions for the top candidates and interviews should begin by mid-September.

If everything goes as planned, the new boss will be appointed Nov. 4.

4 **Growth fees and budget 2017**

Bowman hasn't offered much in the way of timelines as to when the city could vote on whether to levy regulatory growth fees.

However, given the fact a consultant's report was ordered to be finished in time for 2017 budget planning — and Bowman wants a staff report on the issue back sooner rather than later — the goal optimistically remains to have the operating and capital budgets passed by December.

3 **Portage and Main**

Councillors will get to read yet another report that susses out potential crossing options at Portage and Main. This fall, Dillon Consulting will deliver a report on how pedestrians could cross the intersection if the barricades were torn down, including how much this endeavor might cost. Time is of the essence on this file. Mayor Brian Bowman wishes to have the barricades gone by next July, when the city hosts the 2017 Canada Summer Games.

5 **Marion Street**

It's the top task on the city's infrastructure to-do list. In fact, it's second in line on a previously approved list of major roadway expansions the city wants federal and provincial cash for under the Build Canada fund. This past year saw work begin on an underpass at the intersection of Marion and Archibald. Estimates peg the project to cost \$250 million. There's no word yet on future reports.

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Newcomers show their stories

PHOTOGRAPHY

Refugees document their experience with cameras



Matt Kieltyka
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A picture is worth more than a thousand words when you can't speak the language.

A group of new Canadian residents, including refugees from Syria, set out with disposable cameras to capture Winnipeg and convey their experiences last summer. It was thanks to the In Our Eyes PhotoVoice project, a collaborative offering from the Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties, the Canadian Muslim Women's Institute and From Here & Away.

Under the guidance of free photography workshops, the newcomers had a chance to tell their stories through images, according to MARL executive director Michelle Falk.

"Language is often a barrier and we wanted to be able to let newcomers tell their stories and explore their new neighbourhoods and environments," said Falk.

"It was a very unique experience. So many people came back with photos of blue skies and grass. When they were asked why they were so interested in those things, some of them said 'because it's not a refugee camp'. It puts a new positive perspective on the city."

Joseph Visser, founder of From Here & Away, led two sessions for the newcomers in July and August, teaching them composition and other techniques before sending them out with 15 cameras.

He said the workshops were conducted through an interpreter but he could see the passion and



New residents take part in a photography workshop in Winnipeg as part of the In Our Eyes PhotoVoice Project. ALL PHOTOS: JOSEPH VISSER/CONTRIBUTED

excitement of the group.

"They asked a ton of questions and there was lots of laughing and joking," said Visser. "They asked, 'What would make a good picture?' and my message was whatever felt interesting and important to them. They really took that to heart. They took the project and made it their own."

Participants and organizers are still sifting through the finished product.

The best and most interesting shots will be featured Friday, Sept. 16 at the In Our Eyes PhotoVoice Gallery Reception at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.



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Community celebrates diversity with a barbecue

GRILL AND CHILL

Event serves as a cultural exchange for residents



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A bustling community barbecue doubled as a cultural exchange for residents of Winnipeg's Centennial neighbourhood Wednesday evening.

The area's first ever Grill and Chill saw hundreds of residents meet over food, cultural performances, face painting and potato sack races outside the Freight House Recreational Centre.

The goal of the event was to celebrate the neighbourhood's diversity and it was successful, judging by the range of races, ethnicities and ages mingling at the festival.

"There are a lot of ethnic groups here," said Metis drummer Alison Dong as she surveyed the crowd. "It's a very diverse community, it can bring some challenges but we can be that bridge to bring both parties together and get aboriginal people to enjoy the beauty of (newcomers') culture and having them enjoy the beauty of our culture as well."

Debbie Froese, organizer with Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba (IRCOC), told Metro the event was created in part

to break down negative stereotypes that the neighbourhood's largest populations, Indigenous and newcomers, may have of each other.

"We see a divide sometimes but we need to build relationships and understanding of each other," she said.

Winnipeg resident Urooj Shahen stood in line for her two-year-old son, Yusuf, to have his face painted.

"You can see that there's equality here," said Shahen, a practicing Muslim. "You don't feel like you're different, you look around and you always feel welcome (in the city). Yusuf is a little young now but of course I want him to know he lives in a diverse area and that's how he's going to be interacting."

Ojibwe hoop dancer Melvin Starr performed on stage at the event, and said it's vital for him to share his culture with his community.

"It doesn't matter if it's white, yellow, black, or red, everybody should understand each other's culture," he said. "I've been doing this most of my life and it's always an honour for me to let other ethnic groups and cultures know what we do, and why we do these things. They see another side of our people instead of what they see downtown."

The event was organized by IRCOC, Rossbrook House, Health Sciences Centre, Centennial Community Improvement Association, Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg and the Central Neighbourhoods Development Corporation.



Youth mingle, above, while Syrian refugees pose for pictures, below, at the first annual Centennial Grill and Chill community BBQ in Winnipeg on Wednesday. LYLE STAFFORD/FOR METRO



POLITICS

Parties face cash challenge

Both Manitoba's opposition parties are facing new challenges as summer draws to a close — sizable deficits from the spring election campaign, a slow summer of fundraising and potentially costly leadership races on the horizon.

The New Democrats, who lost power in the April election after 16 years in office, have extended their summer fundraising effort, which has fallen short of the target. Post-election filings show donations to the NDP's central campaign dropped 27 per cent from the previous election which has left the party with about \$200,000 in debt.

And unlike previous years, the party cannot rely on \$190,000 from an annual per-vote subsidy the new Progressive Conservative government is axing.

"It has been a slow year in the central campaign, and it is a little bit slow now, but we're hoping it is going to pick up," said Rosann Wowchuk, a former cabinet minister and current member of the NDP executive.

One of the big fundraising events for the NDP each year is the leader's dinner, held every fall. With former leader Greg Selinger's resignation following the party's election loss, and new interim leader Flor Marcelino an inexperienced public speaker, the party is considering looking for a guest speaker for the event, which has still not been finalized.

The Liberals appear to be in an even tougher spot. They expect to have \$140,000 in campaign debt once all the numbers are in and — with just three of the 57 legislature seats — have few staff and little funding to start with.

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Kellie Leitch



Labour Minister Kellie Leitch is expanding her proposal to have the federal government screen potential immigrants and refugees for anti-Canadian values to include visitors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leitch digging in on 'values' test

IDENTITY

Tory leader hopeful wants more vetting of newcomers

Kellie Leitch's Conservative leadership campaign is trying to goad rivals and caucus colleagues into reacting to her proposal that the federal government screen potential immigrants and refugees for anti-Canadian values.

The Ontario MP says her idea to vet newcomers for where they stand on issues such as religious tolerance and equality

of opportunity would apply to visitors too, with her campaign saying she was referring to high-profile individuals such as the controversial American blogger known as Roosh V.

The Conservatives urged the Liberal government to bar the blogger from visiting Canada earlier this year and Leitch campaign manager Nick Kouvalis has pointed that out on social media as part of a series of tweets seeking responses from other leadership candidates.

Some candidates have weighed in, with Deepak Obhrai calling the idea insulting to immigrants, Michael Chong accusing Leitch of engaging in dog-whistle politics and

Maxime Bernier saying there are better ways to integrate newcomers. Others, such as Tony Clement, have demurred, saying he wants to focus on his own campaign.

Conservative strategist Jason Liettaer says it is clear the Leitch campaign believes this is a winning idea — even if it's likely unworkable — and is trying to wedge rivals on the other side of the issue.

"I don't think it's intolerant to believe in a set of values that we expect everyone to share here and include those people who are coming to visit or immigrate to Canada," Leitch said Tuesday in an interview.

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WORKPLACE

Harassment training for waiters, servers

Ontario will spend \$1.7 million over three years to train bartenders and servers to identify and intervene in instances of sexual violence and harassment among employees and customers.

Women's Issues Minister Tracy MacCharles says the training programs will be designed and delivered by organizations in the hospitality sector as well as by experts in violence prevention.

She says restaurant and bar managers, operators and owners will also receive the training, which will teach them and their staff how to intervene in such situations in a safe way.

MacCharles says the major-

ity of the 450,000 servers and waiters in Ontario are young women, and not all of them know exactly what sexual violence and harassment look like.

New regulations that take effect Thursday require employers to have a policy that makes it clear who would investigate if an alleged harasser is the owner or supervisor, and they must provide written results of any investigation.

Labour Minister Kevin Flynn says the range of possible responses to sexual harassment is huge, and the training programs will "empower" people to know how to deal with each situation.

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Ontario's \$1.7 million pledge over three years will help workers to identify and intervene in instances of sexual harassment among employees and customers. DREAMTIME

IN BRIEF

Feds' payroll woes add up

The federal government says it's going to cost at least \$40 million to \$50 million this year to straighten out its troubled new pay system.

However, officials say they are starting to see progress in their efforts to resolve the problems, and hope to be done by Oct. 31.

There are about 67,500 cases of federal workers with outstanding pay issues, down from more than 80,000 in mid-July.

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Ex-deputy premier of Saskatchewan sentenced

The former deputy premier of Saskatchewan has pleaded guilty to impaired driving.

The court heard that Don McMorris had more than two and a half times the legal blood alcohol limit in his system when he was pulled over by RCMP last month in a construction zone.

Provincial court Judge Barbara Tomkins fined him \$1,820 and suspended his licence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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U.S. POLITICS

Candidate looks to shore up credibility on foreign policy

Republican Donald Trump vowed to boost military spending by tens of billions of dollars on Wednesday, outlining plans for major increases in the number of active troops, Navy ships and submarines, and fighter planes as he works to convince skeptics in both parties that he's ready to lead the world's most powerful military.

The New York businessman, who has struggled at times to demonstrate a command of foreign policy, also seemed to acknowledge he does not currently have a plan to address cyber security or the Islamic State group.

If elected, Trump said he would give military leaders 30 days to formulate a plan to defeat the group, commonly known as ISIS. And he would ask the joint chiefs of staff to conduct a review of the nation's cyber defences to determine all vulnerabilities.

Trump's address came hours



Republican Presidential nominee Donald J. Trump delivers a speech at The Union League of Philadelphia on Wednesday in Philadelphia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

before his national security acumen is tested at a "commander in chief" forum on NBC.

"We want to deter, avoid and prevent conflict through our unquestioned military strength," Trump declared of his Demo-

cratic opponent in his Wednesday speech, delivered inside the exclusive Union League of Philadelphia, which first allowed women in 1986.

The appearances mark an intense, two-day focus on national

security by Trump, who has offered tough rhetoric on America's challenges abroad but few details.

The United States currently spends more than \$600 billion a year on the military, more than the next seven countries

combined.

Trump's rival, Democrat Hillary Clinton, has tried to paint the billionaire businessman as erratic, making the case that his disposition would be a major liability on the world stage.

"They know they can count on me to be the kind of commander in chief who will protect our country and our troops, and they know they cannot count on Donald Trump," Clinton said Tuesday. "They view him as a danger and a risk."

Trump's team has worked aggressively in recent days to turn deflect such criticism back at Clinton.

"She's trigger-happy and very unstable," Trump said of his Democratic opponent, calling her use of a private email server while secretary of state "reckless."

Trump's Union League address also included his plans to eliminate deep spending cuts, known as the "sequester," enacted when Congress failed to reach a budget compromise in 2011. Republicans and Democrats voted for the automatic, across-the-board cuts that affected both military and domestic programs.

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DIPLOMACY

Russia up to no good: U.S.

U.S. Defence Secretary Ash Carter accused Russia on Wednesday of sowing seeds of global instability and questioned whether Moscow genuinely wants a viable cease-fire in Syria.

In a hard-hitting speech at Oxford University, Carter emphasized deep skepticism about Russian intentions in Syria, even as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry weighed more talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Geneva. Their discussions last weekend, on the sidelines of an economic summit in China, failed to produce a nationwide cease-fire in Syria or a U.S.-Russian military co-operation agreement.

Russia is a firm supporter of Syrian President Bashar Assad, and their joint military operation has sometimes targeted the anti-Islamic State rebels backed by the Obama administration. The Russian Foreign Ministry said Kerry and Lavrov would hold their next round of negotiations Thursday and Friday. But U.S. officials indicated the earliest the talks could happen is Friday. AP

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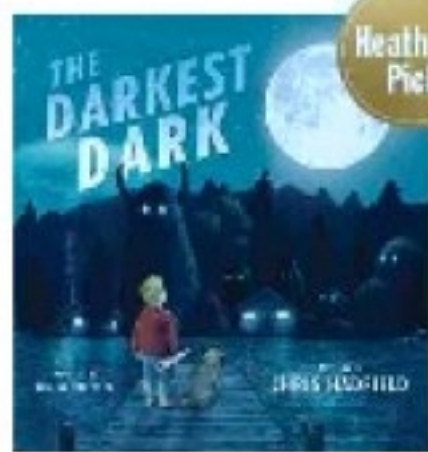
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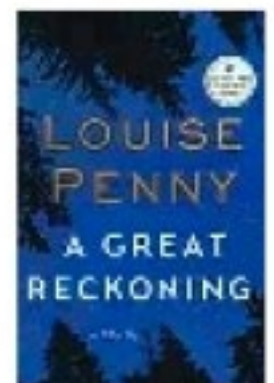


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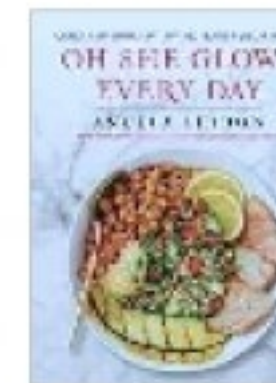
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PARIS

Couple held after gas canisters found

A criminal terrorist investigation has been opened in Paris following the discovery of a car parked near Notre Dame Cathedral with seven gas canisters and pages written in Arabic inside, prosecutors said.

The Paris prosecutor's office revealed Wednesday that a couple it described as radicalized — a 34-year-old man and a 29-year-old woman — was arrested a day earlier and transferred to Paris to be questioned in the case.

The car found near the famous cathedral on Sunday morning had its license plates removed and hazard lights on. That evening, its owner went to the police to report that his radicalized daughter was missing but without saying his car had also disappeared, the prosecutor's office said.

Police briefly detained and questioned the car owner before letting him go, the prosecutor's office said. His daughter still is being sought, the office said.

The man and woman arrested in a highway rest area near the southern town of Orange on Tuesday already were known by French security services for their alleged links with "radical Islamism," prosecutors said.

The papers written in Arabic are being analyzed, the prosecutor's office said.

It said it has opened an investigation under suspicion of a "criminal terrorist association". Two other officials, speak-

ing on condition of anonymity since the investigation is ongoing, said an employee of a bar near Notre Dame Cathedral flagged the car Sunday morning as it was parked along the Seine River.

No one was inside, but police found six canisters filled with gas in the trunk and an empty canister on one of the seats.

No detonator or ignition materials were found in the car, the prosecutor's office said.

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Army National Guard vehicles drive on a flooded U.S. Route 190 in Robert, La., after heavy rains inundated the region last month. MAX BECHERER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Changing climate caused rain

LOUISIANA

Downpours linked to global warming: Study

Man-made climate change about doubled the chances for the type of heavy downpours that caused devastating Louisiana floods last month, a new federal study finds.

Using two different sets of measurements and computer model runs simulating thousands of years, scientists found a clear sign of global warming in the rain that triggered

the flooding that killed at least 13 people, damaged 150,000 homes and cost at least \$8.7 billion. More than 26 inches of rain fell in one week, with nearly a foot in just one day, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"We are now actually able to objectively and quantifiably say 'yes, climate change contributed to this event,'" Cullen said of the Louisiana downpours. "It's unequivocal."

Most outside experts — including six who contributed to the National Academies of Science report that looked at climate attribution studies — praised the science and results.

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Apple touts new camera

TECHNOLOGY

iPhone 7 sees jack removed in favour of better battery, sound

Apple's latest iPhone may be more notable for what's missing from previous models than what's being added. The iPhone 7 and 7 Plus unveiled Wednesday won't have an analog headphone jack — a longtime staple in just about every consumer electronics device that can play audio.

In doing so, Apple is betting that its legions of loyal fans will embrace the shift to wireless headphones — or, if they insist, that they won't mind using earbuds that plug into the iPhone's power port, or older headsets in conjunction with a new adapter.

The redesigned earbuds — with cord — will be included with the new iPhones, as well as an adapter for old headphones.

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But Apple is trying to push consumers to cut the cord with their headphones and make the leap into what it envisions as a "wireless future."

As part of the transition, Apple also is introducing wireless "AirPods" that will sell for \$160.

Getting rid of the 3.5 millimeter headphone jack helped Apple make its new iPhone slimmer, boost its battery lifetime and add other improvements, including stereo speakers and a sharper camera. The iPhone 7 is also water resistant, a popular

POKÉMON GO

The Apple Watch will also get a popular new app later this year too.

Niantic Labs, the developer behind the cultural sensation Pokémon Go, announced Tuesday that the game will be released for the watch, building upon the apps already designed for the iPhone and Android devices. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

feature that rivals such as Samsung Electronics already have been offering.

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The most significant upgrades to this year's models include a faster processor and a better camera, upgrades that Apple typically makes every year. The more expensive and larger iPhone 7 Plus boasts the biggest change, with two digital camera lenses. One will be for wide-angle views and the other will have telephoto capabilities.

The new iPhones will debut Sept. 16 in the U.S., China and more than two dozen other countries. Orders will start this Friday.

APPLE WATCH

The company also used Wednesday's showcase to introduce a new generation of its smartwatches, which will include GPS tracking and enough water resistance to swim with, part of its effort to boost sales in its newest product line. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AFFORDABLE CABLE

Regulator questions value of TV bundles

The big four TV service providers are defending how they rolled out new, trimmed-down TV packages earlier this year, denying in hearings Wednesday that they were being "paternalistic" with customers by placing restrictions on the cheapest of their offerings.

The chairman of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission opened two days of hearings studying the new basic cable and satellite packages, saying consumers question their overall value.

"We received a number of comments from satisfied Canadians," said CRTC chairman Jean Pierre Blais. "Other Canadians are dissatisfied and shared their concerns and frustrations about the way some providers are offering the affordable basic package." The "skinny basic" TV pack-

ages were mandated March 1, along with multi-channel bundles. Blais said a common consumer complaint was that providers made it complicated to switch services, noting that Rogers Inc., required customers to visit a Rogers store to finalize selections. Prior to introducing its \$24.95

"starter" package in March, Bell Canada sales staff in Atlantic Canada were directed not to promote the lower-tier service, BCE's Robert Malcolmson confirmed.

Hundreds of complaints were received by the CRTC centred on requirements imposed by some providers to buy other services — such as Internet — as a bundle.

The hearings were held in advance of a Dec. 1 deadline for the TV providers to offer both small channel packages and individual channels. THE CANADIAN PRESS

“
Canadians are dissatisfied and shared their concerns.”

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IN BRIEF

Wildfires hampered 2016 oilsands spending: Alberta

Alberta wildfires that swept through Fort McMurray in May have resulted in the loss of \$1 billion in planned capital spending in the oilsands for 2016, according to Alberta's chief energy

economist.

Matt Foss said Wednesday he believes those plans are deferred, not cancelled. But he doesn't know when or if companies will resume their spending given oil prices remain below break-even levels. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON ANTI-CANADIAN VALUES SCREENING



Many of Kellie Leitch's rivals are right in their assessment that the Conservative party leadership candidate's proposal would be divisive for the party in the short term and counterproductive for the Conservatives in the longer one.

Growing up in the late 1960s in Toronto one commonly ran into otherwise well-meaning people who claimed that francophone parents who sought to have their children schooled in French were determined to keep their families out of the Canadian mainstream.

École secondaire Étienne-Brûlé — Toronto's first French-language public high school — opened in September 1970, about a month before the kidnappings by the Front de libération du Québec (FLQ) of a provincial cabinet minister, who later died in captivity, and a British diplomat.

At the time the school was the target of enough anonymous threats to warrant extra police protection. Indeed, days before it opened, a neighbour told me bluntly that the wooden barracks that were the temporary home of my new high school would be burned down before year's end.

Had a government at the time of the War Measures Act set up a snitch line to report on so-called barbarian cultural practices or their 1970 equivalent, the French-speaking communities that lived outside Quebec would have been considered by many as the ground zero for the fostering of anti-Canadian values.

Those were the days when an English-rights manifesto famously titled Bilingual Today, French Tomorrow became a bestseller in some circles. The then-Progressive Conservative party in particular

was home to a solid contingent of followers who thought a Quebec-led federal government was out to use official bilingualism to wipe the English language and the country's British heritage and values off the Canadian map.

The masterminds behind

cluding that of her own party?

Among the values Leitch believes Canada should require support for from future immigrants, gender equality has pride of place. Fair enough. But many religions do not treat men and women equally. The Catholic Church for one



CANADIAN VALUES Supporters of a proposal to vet immigrants for purported anti-Canadian values would be hard-pressed to agree on what those could be. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

the residential school system that destroyed the social fabric of so many of Canada's indigenous communities were even more imbued with notions of superiority as to their values.

Given the long and mostly dishonourable history of the quest for a "unified" Canadian identity, it is hard to fathom what federal Conservative party leadership candidate Kellie Leitch is thinking when she uses such a pursuit to justify screening would-be immigrants for so-called anti-Canadian values.

A charitable explanation would be that she skipped her history classes on the way to her medical degree. But what about more recent history in-

cludes that of her own party? does not. It denies women access to the priesthood. It frowns on contraception, has long been at the forefront of the fight against abortion rights and opposes same-sex marriage. On that basis, would Leitch subject the values of prospective Catholic immigrants to special scrutiny?

Moving on to gay rights and discrimination based on sexual orientation, in the '90s, the Reform Party fought tooth and nail against added protection from hate crimes for Canada's gay community. For the record, more than a few Liberal backbenchers in Jean Chrétien's caucus also opposed the change. Most said they were doing so on religious grounds. Until last spring it was still

Conservative party policy to insist that marriage should be reserved for heterosexual couples. Some of Leitch's Conservative colleagues are currently musing about running for the leadership to campaign for the restoration of the party's anti-same-sex marriage stance. This rearguard battle comes more than a decade after the courts found equal access to marriage for same-sex couples to be a fundamental right.

To this day, many of the supporters Leitch might hope to attract with her proposal to vet immigrants for purported anti-Canadian values would be hard-pressed to agree on what those could be.

A word in closing: it is excessively rare, if not unprecedented, for an interim party leader to censure the proposals of a leadership candidate. Interim leaders for the most part stay above the fray.

Over the weekend, Conservative interim leader Rona Ambrose made an exception for Leitch's values musings.

Most of Leitch's leadership rivals have also come down against her proposal.

They are right in their assessment that a leadership conversation along those lines would be divisive for the party in the short term and counterproductive for the Conservatives in the longer one.

In a country as diverse as this one there is a limited market for the notion that immigration poses a bigger threat to the ever-evolving inclusive values of Canadians than some of the negative forces at play within some of its main parties.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro on Thursdays.

Old stereotypes bottled in new linguistic terms



Azeezah Kanji

The Canadian government's recent announcement that it will no longer call Daesh the Islamic State has been celebrated as a bold stand against Islamophobia, and a notable departure from Stephen Harper's fear-mongering about "Islamicism."

"The group is neither Islamic nor a state, and so will be referred to as Daesh (its Arabic acronym)," Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale explained in this year's edition of the Public Report on the Terrorist Threat to Canada — the first produced under the new Liberal government.

Names are important, and the misrepresentation of Islam as an inherently violent ideology is more deeply entrenched every time the name Islamic State is applied to an organization infamous for its atrocities. But anti-Muslim racism did not begin with the phrase Islamic State, and it will not end with the decision to use Daesh instead.

The ubiquitous references to the Islamic State are so pernicious only because of broader narratives persistently conflating Islam and terrorism. Otherwise, there would be little need for Goodale to clarify that a group comprising approximately 0.00006 per cent of the world's Muslim population, and condemned by large groups of leading Muslim scholars, cannot reasonably be described as "Islamic."

These broader narratives problematically equating

"terrorism" with "violence committed by Muslims" are reinforced by the government's 2016 assessment of the "terrorist threat," which focuses entirely on perils posed by individuals and organizations ostensibly inspired by Islam.

Previous Public Safety Canada publications, issued during the Harper regime, at least acknowledged the existence of "threats" emanating from non-Muslim quarters.

This latest Liberal-era iteration, in contrast, fixates exclusively on Muslim "violent extremism" as the problem. The report does not justify the parochialism of its scope: the Muslim monopoly on terrorism is meant to be so obvious that it can be taken as common sense truth.

However, surely some justification is necessary, since a recent academic study found there are at least 100 right-wing extremist groups active in Canada — inexplicably excluded from the panorama of "terrorist threats" confronting the nation.

The tactic of using superficial changes in terminology to mask deeper continuities in counterterrorism policy is not a uniquely Canadian phenomenon. Similar verbal manoeuvres have been employed by politicians in other Western liberal democracies embroiled in the "war on terror."

In Canada, the Trudeau government's seemingly sweet nectar of progress may turn out to be the same old bitter wine in new linguistic bottles.

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INTERVIEW

Singer tries her hand at design, unveils new line for Puma

Rihanna says if the Addams Family worked out in the gym, they would sport her new collection for Puma.

The singer's autumn/winter 2016 Fenty Puma by Rihanna line was launched Tuesday.

The collection of mostly black-and-white ensembles includes loose sweaters and oversized pants, maxi dresses, sneakers, slippers and sneaker heels.

She called the clothes and items — wearable at the gym or not — “kind of haunting.”

“I kind of imagined if the Addams Family was working out, this is what they would be wearing,” Rihanna said in an interview.

“This collection is kind of dark, but very oversized and long. Everything is extra and I love it,” she said.

“It’s something I definitely wear all the time and you either have to be into it or not.”

She launched the line at pop-up shops at Foot Locker and Bergdorf Goodman in New York, where her feverish fans awaited the pop star’s arrival. She wore Puma head-to-toe, including white thigh-high boots, a long black skirt and a track jacket.

Rihanna, 28, talked about the new line and how Japanese street culture inspired her style.

Did you listen to music while designing this line?

I always listen to music no matter what I’m doing. Music is definitely always



Rihanna's sporty Addams Family

something that drives the mood and creating and helps you lock that in and escape to a whole other world, but I won't say any of these pieces were specific to certain songs or album — they just came from a feeling. I already knew what I wanted and I knew what I wanted to see and the direction, but to actually now apply that to silhouettes and things that had to still come back to athleticism, I had such a thrill with that challenge.

What was it like designing a line versus shopping for yourself?

Oh my gosh, big difference! When you're shopping, too, you feel like you're designing as you're shopping. You're like, 'I love this, but I wish it was shorter or I wish it was purple. I wish it was a different fabric,' you know. It starts there, but then when you have to start from scratch, it really comes with an idea first, and then ... you want to tweak and then you come up with something else and you want to add to it or change. It's fun. It's like an ocean — you can do whatever. It's so, it's a big canvas and Puma definitely let

me have a lot of freedom creatively so I was lucky with that.

You said this line was inspired by Japanese street culture. Do you remember your first trip to Japan? What was that like?

Supertrippy. I felt like I was on a whole other planet. I felt like I was the only person of my kind there. It was so weird. And their fashion, I felt like I was watching a hip-hop music video, I remember. The guys all wanted to be like super-gangster and oversized this, oversized that; they were

so cool. But the girls, they all walked around in thigh-high boots and tiny shorts, supercute outfits that I knew came from hip-hop culture. It was really cool actually to see that. Actually the worst part about that trip was none of the shoes could fit me. I have big feet and they don't. They stop at like a size six and that's it. But it was fun. And I've always been inspired since that day; I've always been inspired by Japanese style.

You've always been bold and confident with your style, and people always say



This collection is kind of dark, but very oversized and long. Everything is extra and I love it.
Rihanna

they like Rihanna “because she’s so real.” Have you always been confident?
I think ... I've always been shy.

Really?

Yes. Yes. And still you wouldn't believe, but still I get shy and awkward and (have) stage fright. Even when I was coming here, I was at Bergdorf's earlier, I had this fluttering in my stomach 'cause it's like a stage even though it wasn't. ... I've always been that way, but ... I when you realize that nothing is wrong, even if it's awkward it's not wrong ... you kind of just are OK. Like you know it might be awkward for people or people might not understand it, but you're fine. I wouldn't change anything. I have to stay the same.

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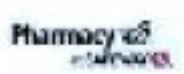
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Perspective of neither him nor her, but *hijra*

INTERVIEW

Anosh Irani's novel explores daily lives of a 'third gender'

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

When Anosh Irani was a young boy, up until about the age of eight, his family lived in a compound about 100 metres away from Bombay's red-light district, where the sex workers would line up in the evenings. Even as a child, walking by the area with his mother or riding past on a bus, Irani recalls being haunted and fascinated by what he witnessed.

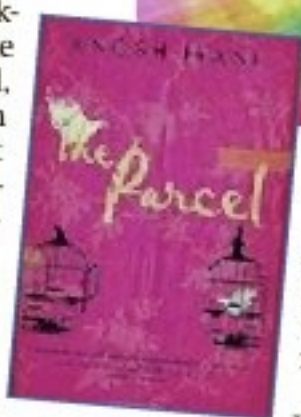
That district is also home to many hijra, a group that uniquely identifies as a third gender, neither man nor woman. Objectified, reviled and yet wanted for their blessings, it is a culture that operates on a guru-disciple relationship, where its members are welcomed into the community through a unique set of rituals and practices, including castration.

Irani knew he wanted to write a novel with a hijra protagonist, but it took a decade before the Vancouver-based playwright and author felt ready to write *The Parcel*, about a young boy, Madhu, who feels born into the wrong body, and spends a lifetime trying to find love and acceptance.

The story follows Madhu from his early years, when he is taken away from his family by a guru-mai, and subsequently becomes one of the most desired hijra. We meet Madhu again later in life, when, as a beggar, she is tasked



Anosh Irani has longed to write a novel with a hijra protagonist after growing up close to the chaos and colour of Bombay's red-light district. RAFFI ANDERIAN



to prepare a "parcel": a young girl who has been sold into prostitution.

"I don't think I would have ever written this book if I hadn't been born just outside the district," Irani says. "I wouldn't have had the courage. I wouldn't have had the confidence. I'm writing both as an insider and an outsider."

Irani, who travels back to Bombay for several months every year, would spend hours walking through the city. It was only after he finished a couple drafts of *The Parcel* did he actually interview a hijra, to ensure his novel was factually correct.

"There are different ways of coming to the truth and fiction is one of the best, most complex ways to get an incredible amount of depth," he says. "The good thing about being in a city like Bombay is that you can be invisible very fast. You go there, you walk, you overhear things

but you observe. Research for me is observation of the actual physicality of the place."

One of Irani's observations was that despite the often horrific conditions, there was humour to be found, which he deliberately wove throughout the story.

"It comes from the street level, and just listening to how people speak, you get the sense that it's very alive," he says. "Often times humour comes from pain, but it is very much part of that world. Also if I'm writing something that's so realistic and really bleak, you need humour to allow the reader to continue."

Although the Western world is finally coming to terms with trans rights and the fluidity of gender, Irani's motives for writing the book were not political.

"I feel very privileged to be able to do this because there were moments when I was there — once you see something you can't not see it. Once you know something, you can't erase it from your memory," he says.

COMICS

Glitter not gold for women in showbiz

Glitterbomb

BY: Jim Zub and Djibril Morissette-Phan

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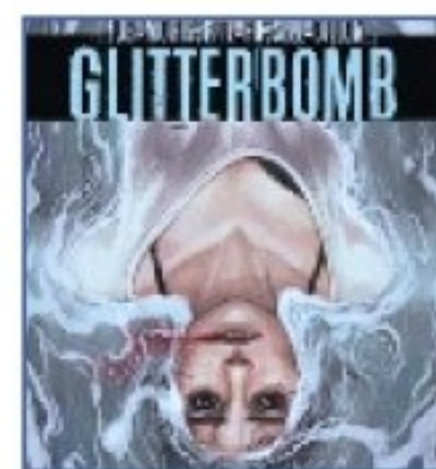
With TIFF on Canadians' minds, there's never been a better week for Canadian creators to launch a new comic book about the darker side of Hollywood.

The first part of *Glitterbomb*, the disturbing look at the life of a struggling actress, is out now. It's written by Toronto's Jim Zub and drawn by Montreal-based Djibril Morissette-Phan, and a perfect example of how Image fosters intriguing creative projects.

It's all about Farrah Durante, a single mother and actress who's on the hunt for her next gig. But she's too old to be a starlet, and people never tire of telling her

so. And (no spoilers) there's all the blood and torn flesh, because this is also a horror comic.

It's a fascinating book, telling an important story about the way Hollywood devours women. But perhaps even more horrible are the true events related in the back-up material, the first of a series of essays by former movie producer Holly Raychelle Hughes, describing her experiences in the business.



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Kurt Russell: Ready for his renaissance



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THE SHOW: *The Battered Bastards of Baseball* (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: Kurt (swoon) Russell

"Our first game, we knew we were winning," says the actor Kurt Russell about playing for the Portland Mavericks, a scrappy, independent, Class A baseball team, back in the 1970s.

"But then we realized, 'Wait a minute, have they even gotten a hit?'" He grins. "Our first game was a 4-0 no-hitter. We looked at each other and said, 'This is gonna be magic.'"

That's a good word for this 2014 documentary, directed by Chapman Way and Maclain Way, about the Mavericks, whose run was brief (1973 to 1978) but legendary. In 1973, baseball was already a corporate affair. Independent ball clubs, which once numbered in the hundreds, had dwindled to zero. But Kurt Russell's dad, Bing Russell, a journey-

man actor whose biggest credit was 13 years on *Bonanza*, so loved the game, he financed his own independent team. He held open auditions, hiring a rogue's gallery of funny, hairy, paunchy guys, then used his knowledge of show business to whip them into a sensation.

Kurt doesn't dominate the story; he appears just enough to remind us what a shaggy, sexy guy he's always been. This doc shows us the roots of his all-American naturalism, and makes me think that, though he's not Jeff Bridges, he's ripe for a Bridges-style renaissance.

I hope some new guy with deep pockets steps up and finances a feature version of this ballpark Animal House, so Kurt can play his dad.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

EAT PRAY LOVE GOSSIP

Elizabeth Gilbert declares love for dying female friend

Eat Pray Love author Elizabeth Gilbert, who split from her husband in July, says she's in love with her best friend, a woman named Rayya Elias, who was recently

diagnosed with incurable pancreatic and liver cancer. Gilbert says in a Facebook post Wednesday the terminal diagnosis uncovered her true feelings for her friend, and those feelings led to Gilbert's divorce. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stars Hollow lives on for these podcasters

INTERVIEW

Gilmore Girls enthusiasts take their show on the road

Impossibly quaint fictional town Stars Hollow may not seem an appropriate arena for caustic debate — that is, if you've never met a hardcore *Gilmore Girls* fan.

And when it comes to the motor-mouthed mother-daughter duo, devotees hardly come more fervent than Demi Adejuyigbe and Kevin T. Porter.

The *Gilmore Guys* podcasters have taken their talent for analyzing the beloved seven-season family-drama saga — soon to be revived by Netflix! — on the road with an interactive show. And, well, we grilled Adejuyigbe and Porter for their opinions on the most divisive *Gilmore* debates around.

Which of Rory's long-term boyfriends do you prefer: Logan, Jess, or Dean?

Porter: Man, I think it's OK if we just take Dean out of the equation 100 per cent. On an episode to episode basis, Logan is actually kind of a great boyfriend: really functional, good for her. But at the end of the day, the only one that makes sense out of those three is Mr. Jess Mariano. I don't think she will end up with him but, out of those three, I'd have to pick him.

Adejuyigbe: I would begrudgingly say Jess; he averages out to the best even though he's had some huge mess-ups in his characterization. By the end of his role, he's the best person, though



Gilmore Girls fans and podcasters Demi Adejuyigbe (left) and Kevin T. Porter. CONTRIBUTED

I don't know if he's the best for Rory.

Let's talk Christopher: misunderstood or the worst?

Porter: He's pretty misunderstood. It's easy to vilify him because the writers and the show directly pit him against the main love interest (Luke). But he's a good dude. And I actually think his chemistry with Lorelai is superior to Luke's in a lot of ways. I really get Christopher and Lorelai in a way I sometimes don't get Luke and Lorelai.

Adejuyigbe: Christopher's misunderstood in the earlier seasons, but as we get through Season 7, I start to believe he's truly the worst. He gives up pretty easily on his relationship with Lorelai in the seventh season, after misinterpreting some things in her interactions with

Luke. That's a stupid move and it shows he wasn't so into the marriage as he had claimed to be. Christopher freaks out because he thinks Lorelai might not love him as much as he thought, but she still clearly loves him. It's really bad the way he reacts to her feelings.

Should anyone watch Season 7?

Porter: You could skip it and you wouldn't miss that much. I just pretended the show got cancelled after Season 6 and I never watched Season 7 until recently. It does have some merits, but it's a hard season to recommend in this time of peak TV. It's just OK. Parts of it are disastrous, but overall it's going to be like a meal from



McDonald's: it'll go down OK with some possible harsh side effects.

Adejuyigbe: Season 7's pretty good. I don't think it's as bad as anyone says it is. They made some bold decisions. Splitting Lorelai and Luke is upsetting at first, but once you realize why they do it, it's a big move because you want them back together. It's so well built you're wanting it to happen even if you do like Christopher.

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Fall is the perfect time for a fresh coat

HOME DECOR

Paint is the best way to update a space on the cheap

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada



Premium paints with zero emissions are better for the environment. iStock

Fall is a time of new beginnings and, there's no better time to brighten up your space with a new colour scheme.

Adding colour to your home can be an intimidating task. But paint is a quick way to add major impact to your suite without spending a fortune.

"I am a big believer that paint is the best design tool," says Toronto interior designer Kim Jones.

"All of the paint companies today have made it pretty easy and safe to go to their stores and find a card that contains three to five colors that work together well."

Jones suggests a slightly higher investment that will get you the Sherwin-Williams Emerald series of paint that generally covers in one coat. "The caveat

is what was under the coat," explains Jones. "If it's old paint, or a very dark paint, then you should add a coat of Kilz primer first, to leave a clean layer for the new paint to stick to."

A smart designer's trick is to layer the paint. "Layering means

that you put the darkest colour at the end of the visual walkway, and the lightest colour near the front," says Jones. "That way, one is drawn into the room."

Darker colours tend to get a bad rap when it comes to the perception that it makes the

room smaller. Not necessarily so, says Jones. "It does not make the room appear smaller when there is a good contrast between the other elements in the room such as the floor and the ceiling colour."

Start with one room. For ex-

ample, Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore's colour and design expert explains how you can transform your bathroom into a relaxing oasis over a weekend in just a few steps.

To create an open, airy feel in a small bathroom, Grech recom-

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You can create dimension in any room by playing around with varying sheen levels.

Sharon Grech,
Benjamin Moore

mends using subtle colours and working with a monochromatic colour scheme that features various paint finishes.

"You can create dimension in any room by playing around with varying sheen levels."

As far as colour trends, mellow yellow, the brightest colour in the wavelength, is topping the charts this year. From runways to home accessories to paint, this hue is popping up everywhere.

Grech suggests using premium paint with zero emissions, such as Natura Waterborne Paint from Benjamin Moore.

It has low odour, meaning it's a safer paint for your family and the environment.

+ MORE TIPS

Kim Jones shares her expertise on finding the right colour for your space:

White

There is no such thing as white. Some whites are yellow. Some go blue.

Black

Black is not a colour. We humans came up with it. Black is used best as a contrast in small doses in the home.

Blue

When painting blue on a wall, always go a bit lighter than

you think you want. Blue saturates differently and can take on a very different tone in a large space.

Old

Our eyes change over the years and the older we get, the more of a yellow cast we see.

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WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Young North American team has veterans it can lean on

Team North America head coach Todd McLellan has "young experience" on his squad that may end up playing a key role in the World Cup of Hockey.

While teenagers like Connor McDavid and Auston Matthews will get most of the attention during the eight-team tournament, there are a handful of players on the roster who are not all that young, at least in terms of NHL experience.

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins of the Edmonton Oilers and Sean Couturier of the Philadelphia Flyers have spent the last five seasons in the NHL, piling up more than 300 games apiece. Brandon Saad of the Columbus Blue Jackets has played 286 regular-season games in four seasons, but also has 67 playoff games under his belt and won a pair of Stanley Cups while with the Chicago Blackhawks.

"There are times in games and in locker-rooms where we'll have to settle down a bit," McLellan said Wednesday. "We may get running around. Not panicking, but a little nervous."

"That's where being young comes in. But we have some players — (Nathan) MacKinnon, Nugent-Hopkins, Couturier — who have played a long time in

the league now. They should be relied on as the guys that can settle things down and say, 'OK let's get back to our structure and play as a team and we'll be fine.'"

The North American team includes players from Canada and the United States who are 23 or younger.

Couturier, who has a team-high 350 NHL games on his resumé, is centring the checking line with Vincent Trocheck of the Florida Panthers (146 games) and J.T. Miller of the New York Rangers (196) and is expected to be a top penalty killer.

"I was lucky enough to have him at the world championships in 2015," said McLellan. "He played a huge role in our success there."

"Very good at penalty killing and in the faceoff circle. Responsible all over the rink. It's nice to have that type of player on your team."

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BACK IN GOAL

Carey Price will play his first game in 289 days when he starts Canada's World Cup of Hockey exhibition opener on Friday against the United States.

Price missed most of last season with a sprained medial collateral ligament.



PARALYMPICS LET THE GAMES BEGIN The Canadian delegation arrives to the opening ceremony of the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Wednesday. Flag-bearer David Eng, a two-time gold medalist in wheelchair basketball, knelt on one knee when he entered Maracana Stadium and gave a fierce wave of the Maple Leaf. "This is a moment I will cherish forever," Eng said. "I'm feeling so blessed." SILVIA IZQUIERDO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIO 2016

Field of play won't feel cuts: Minister

Canada's sports minister has a deep background in Paralympic sport as an athlete and leader.

Carla Qualtrough says athletes will be able to compete to the best of their abilities in Rio de Janeiro despite the scaling back of the Paralympics.

A swimmer and former head of the Canadian Paralympic Committee, she doesn't expect competition for medals to be impaired in cash-strapped Rio.

162

Canada's 162 athletes are among the 4,300 competing in 23 sports.

"I'm absolutely confident we're going to have world-class performances here in Rio," Qualtrough told The Canadian Press. "The events are going to be run really soundly. All the experts from around the world from the different sports are here."

"They're in their venues and making sure that the athletes' experience on the field of play is top drawer. We're going to have to be patient with everything else."

Rio organizers have said deep budget cuts mean reduced workforce and transportation and the closing of some facilities for the Paralympics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL

Kaepernick glad Obama has his back

Colin Kaepernick was encouraged that President Barack Obama recently weighed in on his national anthem protest by praising him for generating conversation about social issues.

Obama said Monday that he had no doubt that the San Francisco 49ers quarterback is sincere and "cares about some real, legitimate issues." He also said approvingly that Kaepernick has generated more national conversation about "issues that need to be talked about" since his re-



Colin Kaepernick
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make changes in these areas," Kaepernick said Wednesday.

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fusal to stand for the anthem became public less than two weeks ago.

"I think that was great that he came out and supported the message that we do need to

IN BRIEF

Watt returns to action after back surgery

J.J. Watt never doubted he'd play in Houston's season opener while recovering from back surgery that forced him to miss all of training camp.

Watt returned to practice this week and will be on the field when the Texans host the Chicago Bears on Sunday. Last year's NFL Defensive Player of the Year had been out since his July surgery to repair a herniated disk in his back.

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Parros added to NHL's department of player safety

Longtime enforcer George Parros has joined the NHL's department of player safety. The hire was announced Wednesday.

Parros played 474 games over nine seasons, winning the Stanley Cup with the Anaheim Ducks in 2007. He also played for the Los Angeles Kings, Colorado Avalanche, Florida Panthers and Montreal Canadiens, finishing with 36 points and 1,092 penalty minutes.

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U.S. OPEN

Noise rattles Murray in quarter-final loss

Andy Murray dropped seven consecutive games after a let call caused by a loud noise in the arena's speaker system during a fourth-set point and lost to Kei Nishikori 1-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5 in a riveting U.S. Open quarter-final Wednesday.

Murray, the No. 2 seed and 2012 champion at Flushing Meadows, disagreed with chair umpire Marija Cicak's decision to immediately halt things when play was interrupted by a sound similar to what a gong might



Andy Murray
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make. It happened with Murray already up two sets to one and holding a second break point at 1-all in the fourth.

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RECIPE Margherita Pizza Waffles



PHOTO: MAVA VISNVEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

- freshly chopped basil
- 1/4 cup fresh shaved Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup marinara sauce

Savoury waffles will be your new breakfast for dinner addiction for not only their ease, but the multitude of option available. We love the all-around flavor favourite of a margherita pizza, though

Ready in 20 minutes

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Makes 4 waffles

Ingredients

- 3 cups spelt flour
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup cubed mozzarella

Directions

1. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and garlic powder. Add the milk; stir until blended.

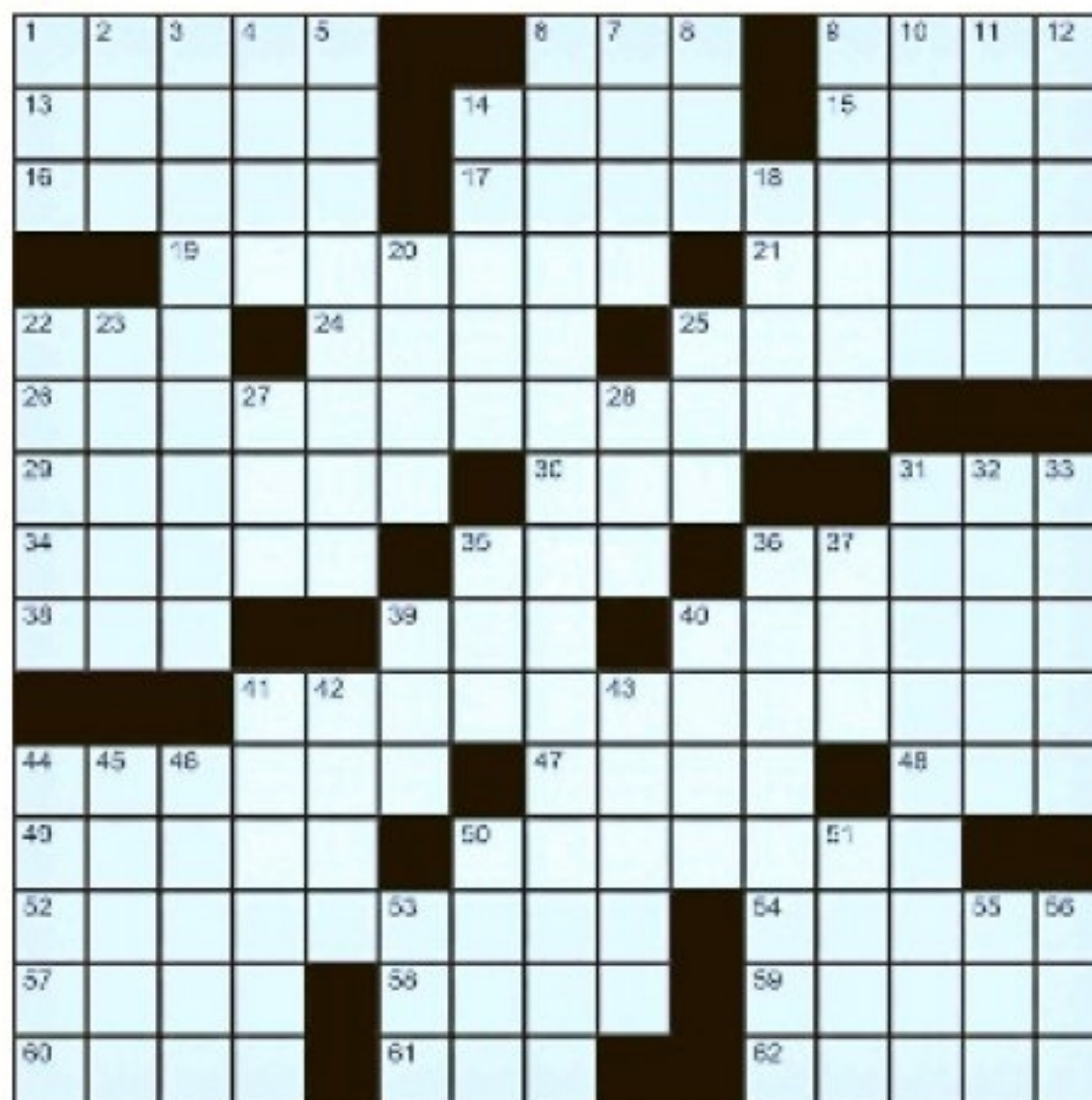
2. Heat your waffle iron to desired temperature.

3. Ladle the batter into preheated waffle iron and sprinkle with 1/4 cup mozzarella and basil. Cook the waffles until golden and crisp. Serve immediately with an extra sprinkle of mozzarella, Parmesan cheese and a side of marinara sauce for dipping.

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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS

- Cat's soft cries
- Stew tidbit
- Gladiator's 350
- Taj
- Brit singer Mr. Murs
- Ravel's "Ma mere"
- (Mother Goose)
- County in Ireland
- Guess Who song that asks "Can your telescope tell me where the sun's gone?": 2 wds.
- Actor/director Tim
- Give way
- Carpentry tool
- 1979 chart-topping Styx ballad
- Variant-spelled famous Pharaoh
- Fluffy mascots of Canadian toilet paper brand Royale: 2 wds.
- Estimate/envision
- Concealed
- Groovy
- Building blocks
- Over there
- Feudal lord
- Branch
- 4 qts.
- by-the-Sea (Where Clint Eastwood was the Mayor in California)
- Town known as the 'Gingerbread Capital of Ontario' because of its decoratively wood-trimmed Victorian-era houses: 2 wds.
- Shredded: 2 wds.
- "Egad!"
- WKRP employee

- Nautical "Stop!"
- Have confidence in a product: 2 wds.
- Common people: 2 wds.
- "Tee-_-Un-Bum-Bo"
- France/Belgium river
- Spectre's

- echo....
- Some woodwinds
- Broadway star Linda
- Marry
- "I need _ _ _ _"
- (Shopper's self-reminder)

DOWN

- Norma Jean's initials-sharers
- "Ether" suffix
- Spinning top
- Lake, in Italy
- Shows affection like a puppy
- Movie-themed restaurant chain since 1991

- of which there is one in Niagara Falls: 2 wds.
- Inventor Mr. Whitney's
- Ms. Rand
- Says something is so
- Ice cream holders
- Use a bike

- West Yorkshire city in England
- Antelope with horns that resemble ready-to-attack snakes
- Ms. Cannon
- Make some desserts
- Atrocious
- Whimper
- 2012 Taylor Swift album
- "Tsk!"
- Atomic Number 50
- Farley in the For Better or For Worse comic strip: 2 wds.
- Anoint, archaically
- Bicycle sound-ers!
- Tibetan ox
- Begin to be established: 2 wds.
- ___ The Prince of Wales
- Econ. measure
- Latin for 'onion'
- Evening star
- Car
- "And on his farm he had a cow, _ _ _ _ _"
- Lake _ (American resort)
- Elliptical
- Lift
- Plum-like fruit
- Peter Sellers comedy, The _ (1967)
- Volume setting
- Kathie Gifford link
- East: French

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Steer clear of prickly subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because this is a poor day for serious discussions. People are critical and confused. Bad combo.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Old flames are back in the picture, which means you want to look good. After all, living well is the best revenge, right?

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a great time to wrap up anything to do with home repairs. It's also a good time for family reunions and trading lies about the bad old days. Enjoy!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Tread carefully at work today, because someone could be critical of you. What might be particularly painful is due to some kind of confusion. You are completely innocent.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Children might be an increased burden or responsibility today. Certainly, there is confusion about social situations. Do not jump to any conclusions until you know what's happening.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Things are a bit tough at home today, so let sleeping dogs lie. Don't make an issue about anything. And don't believe everything you hear.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Because this is a confusing day in many ways, be careful. Guard against negative thinking; at the same time, be careful that you are not fooled! (Crazy day.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Postpone important financial decisions. Do not make them today. You have no confidence, and the facts are not reliable. You cannot trust anything.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Whatever you do today will be gained by hard work. That's OK; you're not afraid of hard effort. Nevertheless, know that things might not be as they appear.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your lack of confidence in your ideas and your purpose make this a poor day to assert yourself in any kind of important discussion. Therefore, hold back and postpone things.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Do not be cowed or discouraged by someone older, who might be critical of you. (This person probably doesn't even really know who you are.)

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Avoid important decisions regarding authority figures (parents, bosses and VIPs), because no one can rely upon the information they have. Today is confusing and things are not as bad as they seem.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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